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1. Approximately 12 Soviet professors visited the DDR during the first six months of 1954. The visits were not arranged by any particular East German office, but entirely by the Soviets at Karlshorst. The visiting professors appeared suddenly, and German universities were requested to fit them into existing lecture plans. Selection of universities was also made at Karlshorst.
2. Prof. Sherebediev (fnu), reported as dean of the agricultural faculty at Gorki University, lectured at Humboldt University. His lectures were poor by German standards. Sherebediev did not encourage discussions and Soviet literature was rarely available. He had little to do with his German colleagues. The Germans did not know where Sherebediev lived during his visit. He was taken to and from the University in a Soviet automobile, arrived just before his lecture and departed soon afterwards. He did not appear to be accessible to students, although possibility exists that selected or politically reliable students were taken to him. Sherebediev did not lecture for the entire term at Humboldt. After his lectures, he departed and was presumed to be attending other universities.
3. East German professors and students are allowed to visit the USSR only in pre-arranged groups. Individuals may volunteer for the trips, but final plans are selected by the State Secretariat for University Affairs. Individual trips are not possible even for volunteers.
4. Satellite professors and students have occasionally visited the DDR but only in groups.

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